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SUBJ: WHITLAM' S FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH: U. S. AND JOINT  
FACILITIES

PART II OF III

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM ESSENTIALLY  
RENEWED STATEMENTS MADE OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS ABOUT  
HIS GOVERNMENT' S ATTITUDE TOWARD U. S. AND JOINT  
FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA. RE- EMPHASIS, HOWEVER, IS USEFUL IN  
DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONTEXT AND IN RELATION TO FORTHCOMING MEETING  
OF FEDERAL ALP IN EARLY JULY. IN EFFECT, WHITLAM HAS  
REAFFIRMED IN THIS SPEECH HIS PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO DEFEND  
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THE EXISTENCE OF THESE FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA WHILE LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN FOR RENEGOTIATION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE NORTHWEST CAPE COMMUNICATIONS STATION AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF APPROPRIATE PORTION OF PRIME MINISTER' S SPEECH ON SUBJECT:  
QTE IT IS IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR ATTITUDES TO NUCLEAR TESTING THAT THE PRESENCE OF TWO OF THE UNITED STATES INSTALLATIONS IN AUSTRALIA SHOULD BE SEEN. THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE DETACHMENT AT AMBERLEY AND THE JOINT GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH STATION AT ALICE SPRINGS COLLECTIVELY POSSESS TECHNICAL FACILITIES TO MONITOR THE TESTIN OF NUCLEAR DEVICES IN THE ATMOSPHERE, ON THE SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND.  
QTE THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ACCESS NOT ONLY TO THE PRODUCTS OF THESE TWO INSTALLATIONS BUT ALSO TO THE OTHER WIDER ASSESSMENTS TO WHICH THEY CONTRIBUTE. IT IS THEREFORE A POSITIVE ASSET TO HAVE ESTABLISHED IN AUSTRALIA THE MEANS OF CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT AND MONITORING OF DISARMAMENT.  
QTE PROMPT, RELIABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION IS VITAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED THE PUBLIC THAT THE JOINT DEFENCE SPACE RESARCH FACILITY AT PINE GAP NEAR ALICE SPRINGS AND THE JOINT DEFENCE SPACE COMMUNICATIONS AT NURRUNGAR ARE RELATED TO SATELLITES AND THAT THEY ANALYSE AND TEST DATA.  
QTE WE HAVE ALSO STATED THAT NEITHER INSTALLATION IS PART OF A WEAPONS SYSTEM AND NEITHER CAN BE USED TO ATTACK ANY COUNTRY, AND WE HAVE BEEN CONVINCED THAT THEY CONTRIBUTE SPECIFICALLY TO THE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIS' S DEFENCE SYSTEM.  
QTE THE GOVERNMENT STILL HAS CERTAIN RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION AT NORTH WEST CAPE AND IT IS OUR INTENTION TO SEEK A RE-NEGOTIATION OF THE ORIGINAL TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THIS STATION IN AUSTRALIA.  
QTE I WANT TO EMPHASISE, HOWEVER, THAT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, AS WITH ALL OTHER NATIONS, WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW ANY SINGLE ASPECT OF OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATIONS TO DOMINATE OUR WHOLE APPROACH. THE IMPORTANCE OF ANZUS HAS TENDED TO OVERSHADOW THE VARIETY AND STRENGTH OF OUR RELATIONS IN OTHER FIELDS, SUCH AS TRADE, FINANCE, INVESTMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AVIATION AND CULTURE, WHICH, NO LESS THAN OUR DEFENCE LINKS, HAVE BROUGHT US SUBSTANTIAL REWARDS AND BENEFITS. END QTE.  
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